



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, according to a 1996 study by the C.D.C. 16 percent of 6 million-plus pregnancies ended in either a miscarriage or a stillbirth, that is almost a million prenatal losses. Of those 6 million plus pregnancies, 62 percent (3,720,000) ended in live births, and 26,784 of those births ended in infant deaths from 11 months and younger. This does not reflect the 22 percent who are lost to abortion; and*

*WHEREAS, the availability of information and support is of the utmost importance to families who suffer from Pregnancy and Infant Loss to better help them cope; and*

*WHEREAS, a public that is informed and educated about Pregnancy and Infant Loss can better learn how to respond with compassion to affected families; and*

*WHEREAS, professionals who come in contact with families who have suffered Pregnancy and Infant Loss, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, police officers, public health nurses, and employers, can better serve families if they have special training and better knowledge of Pregnancy and Infant Loss; and*

*WHEREAS, a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, October 15, 2003, is set aside to remember all of the Pregnancies and Infants lost in order to heal and be comforted in a time of pain and heartache, and to have hope for the future;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2003 to be*

**PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-eighth day of January in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE